

COSTA RICA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Feb 1972	Decree No. 2203		Innocent passage preserved.
	Jun 1975	Decree No. 5699	12nm	Amended Article 6 of the Constitution; claimed "complete and exclusive sovereignty" over its territorial waters; baselines from low-water lines.
	Nov 1988	Decree No. 18581-RE	12nm	Amended boundaries of territorial sea by drawing a straight baseline between the tip of the Nicoya Peninsula and the top of the Osa Peninsula.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Nov 1988	Decree No. 18581-RE		<p>Established a system of normal and straight baselines along the Pacific Ocean coastline.</p> <p><i>This straight baseline claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in CY 1989.</i></p> <p>Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 111 for U.S. analysis and chart.</p>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 1975	Decree No. 5699	200nm	Claimed complete and exclusive sovereignty over its continental shelf.
	May 2009	ECS Submission		Submitted request to the UN to extend the limits of its continental shelf to the northwest and southeast of Coco Island beyond 200nm. The UN CLCS has not yet made its recommendations.
EEZ	Jun 1975	Decree No. 5699	200nm	Claimed jurisdiction similar to an EEZ without expressly referring to an EEZ.
	Aug 1978	Law 6267		<p>Claimed to require prior notification for foreign fishing vessels transiting EEZ.</p> <p><i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1979.</i></p>
	May 1991	Executive Decree 20404-P-MOPT		<p>Claimed to require a permit for foreign fishing vessels to transit its waters. Revoked by Executive Decree 22267-MP-MOPT-RE.</p> <p><i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1992.</i></p>
	Jun 1993	Executive Decree 22267-MP-MOPT-RE		Supersedes Executive Decree 20404-P-MOPT due to entering UNCLOS, but maintains requirement for a permit for foreign fishing vessels transiting its waters.
	Jan 1997	M.Z.N. 13. 1997. LOS		Costa Rica deposited with the UN a chart showing the limits of its EEZ in the Pacific Ocean

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Mar 1977	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with Colombia (Caribbean Sea) signed; EIF Feb 2001. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 84 for U.S. analysis and chart.
	Feb 1980	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with Panama (Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean) signed; EIF Feb 1982. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 97 for U.S. analysis and chart.
	Apr 1984	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with Colombia (Pacific Ocean) signed; EIF Feb 2001.
	Mar 1985	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with Ecuador signed.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention, with Declaration relating to fishing in the EEZ.
	Sep 1992			Ratified Convention.
	Sep 2001			Bound by Part XI Agreement.